

Information for U.S. Citizens Abroad

Absentee Voting 2008

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Voting Assistance

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Look for notices from the Embassy throughout the year relating to the 2008 elections at http://uruguay.usembassy.gov

For further information you can also contact the FVAP by e-mail: **E-mail:** vote@fvap.ncr.gov

Additional websites:

www.vote-smart.org

www.lwv.org

www.overseasvotefoundation.org

www.democratsabroad.org

www.republicansabroad.org

Absentee Voting Information for U.S. Citizens

Overseas citizens are eligible to participate in presidential and state primary elections, run-off elections and special elections that occur throughout the year, as well as the general elections in November 2008. You are strongly encouraged to register to vote and request your absentee ballot early!

Important Information About Voting Abroad – 2008 Elections

The official U.S. Government website for overseas absentee voting assistance is the Federal Voting Assistance Program website at www.fvap.gov. It has a wealth of information about absentee voting including: downloadable absentee ballot applications and write-in ballots, state-specific instructions for completing the forms, links to state and local officials, and downloadable emergency ballots to use when requested materials fail to arrive in time.



To Register and Request a Ballot

To register and request an absentee ballot, you must fill out a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) available at American Citizen Services (ACS) at the Embassy, or online at http://fvap.gov/pubs/fpca.html. Once completed, you may deliver the FPCA to the Embassy to forward to your state's voting office or you may put it in a regular envelope and send it to the United States via international mail service.

Basic Absentee Voting Process

- Complete an application form (FPCA) and send it to local election officials in the United States.
- A local election official approves your request or contacts you for further information if necessary.
- The local official sends you an absentee ballot to the address you provided on your FPCA.
- You fill in your ballot and send it back in time to meet your state's deadline. You may send
 it directly to the U.S. or through the Embassy.

What about my state's requirements?

Voting procedures vary by state. It is important to be aware of your state's **deadlines for registration**. Specific information about your state's procedures is available at http://fvap.gov/pubs/vag.html#ch3. A complete 2008 election calendar is available at http://fvap.gov/pubs/primarycal.html

There may be last minute changes to your state's voting calendar, procedures or deadlines. When these occur, the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) will issue a News Release http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/releases.html. To add your name to the distribution list for News Releases, send an e-mail to vote@fvap.ncr.gov.